
If you believe you are eligible to vote and encounter difficulty registering, please contact the Utah State Elections Office, at:

115 State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-0601
(801) 538-1041 (voice)
(800) 995-VOTE (toll-free)
www.governor.state.ut.us

If the Utah State Elections Office is unable to help you, or to report a problem, contact:

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Voting Section, Rm. 7254 - NWB
Washington, D.C. 20530
(202) 307-2767 (voice)
(800) 253-3931 (toll-free)
(202) 307-3961 (fax)
www.usdoj.gov/crt

This pamphlet is provided for informational purposes only, as an aid to further inquiry. The laws in many states are revised frequently, and may have changed since this pamphlet was issued. It is your responsibility to determine whether you are lawfully eligible to vote, and criminal penalties can result from voting when ineligible or making false statements on a registration form.

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Restoring Your Right to Vote



The right to vote is an important civil right in a democracy as well as a civic responsibility, and yet many persons who have been convicted of a crime do not know whether they are eligible to vote. For both federal and state elections, the right to vote is controlled by the law of the state in which you live. Some states restrict the right to vote for persons who have been convicted of a crime. This pamphlet is intended to help you determine whether you are eligible to vote in the state in which you live, and if so, what steps you must take to be permitted to vote.

What law governs whether my felony conviction limits my right to vote?

The impact of a criminal conviction on the right to vote varies widely from state to state. Whether you can vote after being convicted of a crime is determined by the state in which you live, not the state in which you were convicted.

Can I vote while I'm incarcerated in Utah?

If you are a resident of Utah, you cannot vote while you are incarcerated as a result of a felony conviction in Utah state court. If you are a resident of another state who is temporarily incarcerated in Utah, you may be able to vote an absentee ballot for your home state. You need to consult the law of your home state regarding both criminal convictions and absentee ballots to see if this is a possibility.

I have been released from incarceration. How do I restore my right to vote?

In Utah, the right to vote is automatically restored upon satisfactory completion of the term of imprisonment to which you were sentenced. Your right to vote is also automatically restored if you are sentenced to probation or granted parole by the Board of Pardons.

What happens if I move to another state?

If you move to another state, your right to vote will be controlled by the laws of that state.

What are Utah's other voter registration requirements?

To vote in Utah, you must:

- be a U.S. citizen
- be a resident of the State of Utah for at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election

When do I need to register to vote?

Registration is available year-round in Utah, *except* during the 7 days prior to an election. Registration reopens the day after the election. You must complete a voter registration card and be registered at least 7 days prior to an election.

Where do I go to register?

Registration is available at many places in Utah, including:

- County Clerk's office
- Board of Election's office
- City and village offices
- Township offices
- Many other public buildings

Registration is also available at the following locations when applying for services:

- Driver's license office, if you are applying for or renewing your driver's license
- Department of Public Aid offices
- Department of Public Health offices
- Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities offices
- Department of Rehabilitation offices
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices, if you are a prospective member of the armed forces
- High Schools, if you are a student or work at the school